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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Frank Butaric et al. Confirmation No.: 5116  
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Examiner : Cheryl L. Miller

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**REPLY/AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page  
two of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page four of this paper.